

British Prices Falling Slowly, But Steadily

Demands for Return to Pre-War Standards Be- gin to Have Effect in Many Lines of Business

Motorists Join in Drive

From The Tribune's European Bureau
LONDON, Dec. 4.—In the ordinary day-to-day processes of life England is slipping slowly and with occasional relapses but nevertheless definitely toward the pre-war standards. No Englishman has ever forgotten, it now seems, the almost phenomenal cheapness of living in these islands prior to 1914. He will remark that he has paid \$60 for a suit of clothes or \$3.75 for a pair of gloves, and inevitably there comes a pathetic little pause before he complains, "And before the war it used to be only—". Now, while prices are still far above the ante-bellum standards, they are coming down, and the end is not yet. There are other healthy signs, too. A demand for something approaching pre-war efficiency is coming from motorists who have occasion to pa-

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Pope Provides Funds for Two More Charities

Pontiff Maintains Jerusalem Soup Kitchen, Where 500 Are Fed Daily, and Also Aids Vienna's Poor

Faces Political Problems

From The Tribune's European Bureau
ROME, Dec. 2.—Although Pope Benedict already is a great benefactor to many charitable institutions for the upkeep of which he is financially responsible, he recently has added to his list two pressing charities, one of which is a soup kitchen in Jerusalem where 500 persons can be fed each day. The entire upkeep of this charity will be met out of the Pope's private purse.

The kitchen will be under the jurisdiction of the Patriarch Monsignor Barlassini, while the actual management will be in the hands of the Circolo di San Pietro, an organization similar to the American Knights of Columbus.

The second charity which the Holy Father has undertaken is that of caring for the poor children of Vienna. Austria always has been the devoted child of the Church, even in the times of the Emperor.

The revolution has left its mark on the Catholic population which listened to the propaganda of Socialism. The Pope feels that in many cases the poor people were driven to it by hunger and misery.

Two American Bureaus
Pope Benedict has followed with interest the work of the Catholic Bureau, an association of American Catholics, which has undertaken to feed not only the poor, but also the nuns in the convents, who have suffered a great deal since the armistice. This bureau has its headquarters in Vienna in the Hofburg Palace. In the same offices the other American organization, "Guardians of the Children's Fund," has its headquarters. Up to the present these two organizations worked in unison with the English committee, "The Vienna Emergency Fund," until the latter was quartered elsewhere. These two committees are daily distributing food, clothing and medicine. But for this great work and that of the Pope thousands would die of the cold as clothing is exorbitant in price and hard to get.

Bishop's Residence Searched
There was a rumor the other day that the Bishop of Lenz had hoarded food in the episcopal residence, and the Socialists and Communists called on the people to ransack the house. The Bishop heard of this and waited until the turbulent crowd had reached the door. He opened it and asked what they wanted. They replied that they wished to take the food he had hoarded.

With a gesture he invited the people to enter and take whatever food he had. A thorough search was made of the house from top to bottom, the cellar being visited. On the fire a few potatoes were boiling. When the searchers returned to the street they shouted: "This poor fellow is worse off than we are," and turning to the Bishop they remarked: "We should advise you to follow us in this ransacking expedition as you are really starving yourself."

Although Lenz has been a hotbed of communism, the Pope has heard with pleasure of the reorganization of the Catholics, who are striving to bring about a normal state of things. From May until August eight federations of young men have been formed, while all over Austria meetings have been held against Bolshevism.

Pope Faces Political Problems
Besides these more material matters the Pope has many political questions which must be solved, the principal of which is the resuming of diplomatic relations with the French government.

It is believed that the French Chamber of Deputies soon will decide whether diplomatic relations should be permanently resumed on the old footing. French Catholics are cordial to the new concordat which would tie the Holy See, while deriving no benefit from it, if France has an ambassador at the Vatican the Pope would be satisfied, as for reasons connected with missionaries and orders in the East French protection would be preferable to Italian. Strangely enough France is considered the leading Catholic nation. Although one hears a great deal about reconciliation between the Italian government and the Vatican, in reality the question is still in abeyance.

Japan Not Warlike; Timid and Reserved, Says Premier Hara

Loyal to Friendly Nations, Never Violated Interna- tional Laws or Faith; Mis- understood, He Declares

TOKIO, Nov. 15.—Denying that Japan is militaristic and inviting foreign critics to study Japanese history to prove the contention, Premier Takashi Hara has written an article entitled "Japanese National Characteristics as Misunderstood by the World," which is published in the Chuwa, an organ of the Seiyukai party.

"It is charged that the Japanese is an aggressive race, bellicose and lacking in civilization other than the art of war," the Premier wrote. "This misunderstanding may be attributed to three defective points of view. First, Japanese history is disregarded; second, Japanese literature and art are set aside; and third, the true conditions of the life of the people have not been studied by the critics."

"Japan has no record in her history of having conquered other races, as every one knows. The foreign wars in the Meiji era, especially the Russian war, were simply wars for self-defense against foreign aggression."

"If Japan's history is examined closely it is rich in records of warfare, to be sure, but it is a great mistake to jump at the conclusion that the Japanese people have been a warlike race throughout their history. In the midst of wars, the wars of Japanese historical records have been political wars. In the days before civilization had advanced political and military wars were employed for the same purpose by all countries which are now civilized."

"Japan has never violated international laws or international faith. She has been rather too timid to do so or too inexperienced for it. In other words, she has not yet been degraded to that extent, that there is any fear to be found with the Japanese it may be, as critics at home tell us, that Japan is too modest and reserved. In respecting international obligations and in being loyal to friendly nations there perhaps is no country which will surpass Japan, though many nations apply the same principles of moral conduct between nations as between individuals."

"To be sure we cannot say that there has been no cause for misunderstanding as regards affairs with China in the past, but that was a question of the ability of the men in power at the time. It was not due to any of the traditional principles of Japan. That the result of the deals with China were not such as a section of Americans had understood them to be is a matter which has now been brought home clearly to the people of the world. Of that I am firmly convinced."

France Electrifying Roads

Few Miles Around Paris Are Already Transformed

PARIS, Nov. 24.—Electrification of various French railroad systems has been planned for years, but work began only recently. A few miles have been transformed around Paris, but operation has not commenced.

The Midi system has now announced a ten-year program of electrification. By 1925 1,000 miles will be converted and by 1930 the remaining 700 miles of the company will be changed.

Twelve waterpower plants will furnish the current, which will be direct instead of alternating, because the latter has been found to interfere with telephone and telegraph transmission on lines closely following the railroad.

Anglo-Japanese Alliance Is Urged Strengthened

Baron Sakamoto, Advocating Renewal, Seeks Removal of Clause Regarding U. S.

TOKIO, Nov. 12.—Baron Sakamoto, a member of the House of Peers, advocates renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance and insists on the removal of the clause which exempts Great Britain from any obligations to Japan in the event of a dispute with America.

Baron Sakamoto points out that this exemption clause has been a dead letter for the last ten years.

The baron argues that the clause is against the spirit of Article X of the league covenant, which places an equal obligation upon each member of the League of Nations in respect of mutual defense against territorial aggression.

Finally, he argues that the peace of the Pacific is now maintained by the balance of power of Great Britain, America and Japan. If Great Britain is relieved of her obligation by means of the arbitration treaty the equilibrium of power in the Pacific will be destroyed, he asserts.

Anti-Red Leader Switched Allegiance From Soviet Regime

Gen. Boulakhovitch, Known as 'Little Father,' Assailed in Paper Published by En- emies of Lenin in France

From The Tribune's European Bureau
LONDON, Nov. 20.—General Boulakhovitch, last of the important commanders in the defeat of the Russian Red forces, is the subject of a long article in the current Russian Information Bulletin, which is published in Paris by Russians who are opposed to the Soviet regime.

The independent leader does not fare well at the hands of the Riga correspondent of the Bulletin, who asserts that Boulakhovitch "also sometimes spelled 'Babushkevitch' formerly was a Red, and that he has switched his allegiance as often as it has seemed to his advantage to do so."

"The story of the 'Little Father' begins in 1918, when he commanded the Red cavalry at Louga, in the Province of Petrograd," the correspondent says. "At the railway station of Louga one could almost always find soldiers of the Red army, clothed half as Hussars and half as apaches, and whose demeanor did not invite confidence. These were Boulakhovitch's men. They were freely allowed to plunder the population of the city. The 'Little Father' took all responsibility: they were the 'flower and the glory of the Russian revolution.'"

"When, in the autumn of 1918, a peasant revolt broke out at Novoselie Boulakhovitch's men shot, before the eyes of the 'Little Father,' and acting upon his orders, sixty peasants."

"The 'Little Father' was the tharke of the Soviets, but this apparently did not satisfy him, for a month or two later he is said to have jumped from the Reds to the Whites. In this capacity he has since been the leader of an attack on the communist forces at Grov, where his band defeated another, larger numerically, but not so ferocious as his own. He is supposed to have taken 1,000,000 Russian rubles from the town treasury on this occasion."

The Bolshevik, by way of reprisal, began mass arrests and executions of the Whites, and the Whites, in turn, began the massacre of the Bolsheviks. Boulakhovitch is supposed to have promised the townspeople protection against the revenge of the Reds, but when the reprisals came he discovered that he had no business near the Estonian frontier and managed to place himself under the protection of the Estonian government.

Toward June 1919 Boulakhovitch figured in the occupation of Pskov by the Estonians, and later became military commander of the town. His first victim is alleged to have been displayed in the town market place for twenty-four hours before Boulakhovitch would allow the body to be removed. When he thought that his authority had been sufficiently established, he began to levy contributions on the citizens of Pskov for the support of the White army.

Finally, he is supposed to have extended his depredations to Estonian territory, for the government of that country intimated to him that his services were no longer needed (February, 1920), and he moved with his followers to join the Polish forces against the Bolsheviks. Since then he has figured prominently in the news of the day.

While the Russian Information Bulletin is frankly propagandist, it is opposed to Soviet rule, so that its denunciation of the man who now is fighting the Soviets may be more accurate than if he were a Bolshevik.

Two Mexican States Prosper

Sonora and Sinaloa to Export Products

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 25.—Encouraging reports have been received here from the states of Sonora and Sinaloa, where the return of prosperity is noted by the announcement that these states expect to export 15,000 carloads of products to the United States within the next few months.

It is said that the State of Sinaloa will have at least 2,000 tons of refined sugar available for export. The railroad of the state is being enlarged and equipped to provide the necessary transportation facilities.

Released Prisoners Tax Latvia's Food Supply

RIGA, Latvia, Nov. 18.—Lettish troops which fought with the Czechoslovaks in Siberia recently have returned to Riga from Vladivostok and have been received with great patriotic demonstrations.

Under the treaty with Moscow about 300,000 Letts are to be released from Bolshevik territory and returned to their homeland. This influx of population is increasing the problems of the little country. Glad as Latvia is to see its sons return, their presence places a heavier burden on the food supply, and there is little employment to offer them. The skilled workmen of Lettish blood who have been working in Soviet factories refuse to remain in Russia because of enforced labor and inadequate food.

It is estimated by the Lettish Foreign Office that more than 300,000 Lettish citizens are in America. They are chiefly in the manufacturing centers, such as Detroit, Chicago, Pittsburgh and the New England industrial towns, especially the shoe towns.

The Letts are all studying English industriously because of the influx of British and American business men. Every shopkeeper has at least one clerk, who is buried in an English grammar. Most of the Letts speak Russian and German better than they do their own language, but under changed conditions they are forced to study Lettish. Language schools have sprung up in all the cities and there is a heroic struggle to acquire the languages necessary to meet the new situation created by the secession of the Baltic states from Russia.

Many of the government officials in Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and Finland speak English and all are agreed it is the language which must eventually be common to all the countries bordering the Baltic. Lithuanian, Lettish, Estonian and Finnish are all very different languages. Finnish and Estonian are somewhat related. The same is true of Lettish and Lithuanian. The small states do not expect foreigners to acquire a language used by such a small group of people.

Court Opens Gambling Trial To-Morrow

Five City Officials and 42 Others Indicted by Ex- traordinary Grand Jury to Appear at Ballston

Dennin First To Be Tried

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Dec. 11.—What promises to be one of the most dramatic terms of the Supreme Court held in Saratoga County in years will open Monday at the county seat, Ballston Spa, with Supreme Justice Charles C. Van Kirk on the bench.

At this time the evidence collected by Wyman S. Bascom, Deputy Attorney General, who, with the extraordinary grand jury has been investigating vice and gambling in Saratoga County since August 9, and which resulted in more than sixty indictments, will be presented to the court and jury.

The trial of the persons indicted virtually closes the activities of the extraordinary grand jury, but it is understood it will remain subject to call. It also means the first step in the direction of the way blazed by Conservation Commissioner Pratt, who, in an address during the winter of 1919, stated that "Saratoga had come to a parting of the ways and that she must decide for a clean city devoid of gambling and its vices or, failing in this, the city, minus the help of the state, would have to continue in its then present state."

With this condition confronting the city, it became apparent that a war between the gambling and anti-gambling factions was on. Subsequently John Doe proceedings were begun by District Attorney Andrus.

Committee Investigates
The publisher of a local newspaper and several of the reportorial staff were held in contempt by City Judge McTygus when they refused to divulge confidential information which had formed the basis of a series of articles calling attention to the existence of numerous places where gambling was conducted. A citizens' meeting was called and a law and order committee named to investigate.

Following an investigation by the committee Governor Smith was appealed to and subsequently he forwarded letters to several city and county officials, warning them that unless gambling and vice ceased they would be removed from office. The next move came early in June, when an extraordinary term of the Supreme Court was called by Lieutenant Governor Walker, with Justice Van Kirk presiding. In this connection Wyman S. Bascom, District Attorney of Washington County, was appointed by the Attorney General to act as his deputy, superseding Charles B. Andrus, District Attorney of Saratoga County, as prosecuting officer. An extraordinary panel of grand jurors was drawn and the fight was on.

During August several raids were conducted by Bascom in person, a number of arrests made and gambling equipment seized. The net results of raids on August 14, at 69 Philadelphia Street and 75 Nelson Avenue, in this city, resulted in the arrest of thirteen persons at the former place, together with the seizure of a quantity of gambling apparatus found to be fitted with crooked devices. When the prisoners were arraigned before City Judge McTygus they were released in nominal bail for arraignment the day following. It is asserted that seven of the prisoners immediately "jumped their bail."

Raids Widespread
The raids by Bascom continued until they extended to several villages in the county, where handbooks were found to be in operation. Then the prosecutor swung back to this city, where more handbooks were raided, as was the Indian Head Tavern, conducted by John P. Dennin, of Albany and Saratoga, where it is alleged gambling apparatus was found.

Incident to the vice crusade came the libel action brought by Superintendent of Police E. T. Carroll against The Saratogian asking for \$25,000 damages because of articles published in the paper in which it was stated that Carroll had stolen coffee from a Broadway store; that he was a frequenter of a gambling house; that he was the associate of a crook, and that he had returned gambling apparatus, stored in police headquarters for safekeeping, to gamblers. The trial resulted in a verdict of "no cause for action."

The dismissal of the libel action was followed with the indictment of Carroll charging him with being an accessory to a felony (removing gambling apparatus from police headquarters) and also on another count of conspiracy to defeat justice. Subsequently Carroll asked to be relieved

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Supreme Justice Van Kirk to Preside at Hearing Resulting From Crusade

Honduras Gets Airplanes

TEGUIGALPA, Honduras, Nov. 23.

Two American aviators have arrived in Honduras with American-built fly- ing machines bought for the War De- partment. They are engaged for a cer- tain period to teach flying and how to care for the airplanes. It is expected that in peace times the machines will be used for the transportation of mails over the country, where railroads are very scarce and roads very bad.

U. S. Embassy Seeks Quarters

SANTIAGO, Nov. 17.—Joseph H.

Shea, American Ambassador to Chile, is seeking a permanent residence for the embassy here. The Congress at Washington having appropriated \$300,000 for the purchase. It will be the first government-owned embassy build- ing in South America.

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